

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are pending and claims 5 and 9 stand cancelled. No amendments are presented at this time. Rather, reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the remarks which follow.

As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the indication that the present invention is free of the prior art.

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Ample written description and support for the subject matter recited in claims 1-4 and 6-8 appears in the present application.

For instance, the compound of Formula (1) wherein $R_4 = H$, and one or two of R_5 , R_6 and R_8 each represent halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy is demonstrated as the final product of:

- Examples 5 to 8 wherein $R_4 = H$, $R_6 = \text{methyl}$, and $R_7 = \text{Formula (2)}$; and
- Examples 24 and 28 wherein $R_4 = H$, $R_6 = \text{halogen (F)}$, and $R_7 = \text{Formula (2)}$.

Additionally, the compound of Formula I wherein $R_4 = \text{methyl or methoxy}$, and R_5 , R_6 and $R_8 = H$ is demonstrated as the final product of:

- Reaction Scheme I wherein $R_4 = \text{methyl}$, R_5 , R_6 and $R_8 = H$, and $R_7 = \text{Formula (2)}$;
- Examples 2 and 4 wherein $R_4 = \text{methyl}$, R_5 , R_6 and $R_8 = H$, and $R_7 = \text{Formula (2)}$;
and

- Examples 20 and 22 wherein R_4 = methoxy, R_5 , R_6 and R_8 = H, and R_7 = Formula (2).

Accordingly, the claims are fully compliant with the requirements of 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, including the written description requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for immediate allowance.

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